

THE BULLETIN



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FIRST MAJOR EVENT

IN NEW OPC QUARTERS

As the bulletin goes to press, plans are being made for the initial major event in the new Clubhead-quarters in the Biltmore Hotel, a roundup of news and NBC news correspondents from all over the world piped in by radio.

This program will be a luncheon on Thursday, February 28, 1974, and will be under the joint sponsorship of the Overseas Press Club and the Deadline Club of Sigma Delta Chi.

Handling the details will be *Russ Tornabene* and *Mort Frank* for the Deadline Club and *Jack Raymond* and *Art Milton* for the Overseas Press Club. More details in the next issue of the Bulletin

SAVE APRIL 22!

Our annual Awards Dinner will be held on Monday, April 22 – Keep the date open – Formal invitations will be mailed as soon as all arrangements are completed.

AWARD GROUP PRAISES

BROADCAST JOURNALISTS

The jurors of the Alfred I. duPont Columbia University Survey and Awards in Broadcast Journalism noted the “persistence, courage and increasing skill of broadcast journalists” and pointed out “a growing ability among the supposedly apathetic and restless American public to sit still and pay attention.”

In a survey of news directors, the group found that 72 per cent gave Watergate as the reason for a new hope and pride in the profession of journalists.

One director remarked that Watergate “vindicates journalism of all charges made by an Administration that was intent on, I believe, breaking down credibility of the press and subduing it.”

OUR TEMPORARY QUARTERS

Until our permanent quarters on the 19th floor of the Biltmore Hotel are redecorated and furnished, the OPC dining room and bar is located in the Petit Lounge on the first floor of the hotel. Phone 687-7000, ask for Petit Lounge.

Drinks are served from noon to 8 p.m. and lunch from noon to 2 p.m., every day except Saturdays and Sundays.

Our temporary office is in Room A-21 on the A-2 floor.

For directions to our temporary quarters inquire at the desk in the lobby. The main entrance to the hotel is on 43rd Street between Madison and Vanderbilt Avenues.

To reach our office by phone, call (212) 687-2430.

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OPC SOUTH-EAST REGION

STARTED IN FLORIDA

Following our plan to set up OPC Regions in several areas of the United States and overseas, *Rachel Baumel*, aided by *Douglas Storer*, has initiated the organization of the South-East Region in Florida which eventually will include some adjacent states and the Caribbean.

Members in Florida will soon receive invitations to attend an initial meeting, tentatively scheduled for some time in March. At the gathering, attending members will nominate a regional chairperson and set plans for activities in the area.

The nominated chairperson will be confirmed by the Board of Governors and will become an “ex officio” member of the OPC Board.

Members in Florida can reach *Rachel Baumel* at 1802 Conquistador Circle, Largo, Fla. 33540, phone (813) 443-7668.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

ELECTED BY BOARD

According to Article XV of the Constitution and Article IX of the By-laws, the Board of Governors at its meeting on January 21 elected a Nominating Committee which is to name candidates for OPC offices in the forthcoming election in April.

The following members were elected: *Larry Blochman*, *Rob Roy Buckingham*, *Marguerite Cartwright*, *Ed Cunningham*, *John MacAllister*, *Grace Naismith*, and *Larry Stessin*. *Rosalind Massow* and *John Noble Wilford* were named alternates.

President *Jack Raymond* designated *Larry Stessin* chairman of the Committee.

Article XV of the Constitution reads:

Nominations for elective officers shall be made either by the Nominating Committee or under procedure provided in the By-laws by petition.... No member or alternate of the Nominating Committee shall be nominated for any office to be filled in the election for which it is serving. The Nominating Committee shall nominate no more than two (2) candidates for each office and each position on the on the Board of Governors.

Article IX of the By-laws states:

(Section 1) Election and induction of officers shall take place at the Annual Meeting in April. The right to vote shall be exercised only by those members whose dues to March 31st of the current year are fully paid up by March 1st of that year; whose house accounts are not in arrears....

(Section 2) ...not less than 9 weeks before the Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present its final list of candidates.... This list of nominees shall be posted promptly on the Club's bulletin board and published in the next succeeding issue of Club's Overseas Press Bulletin. All nominees must be members in good standing.

(Section 6) At least 8 weeks before the date of the election, the President, with the approval of the Board of Governors, shall appoint no fewer than 7 and no more than 15 members of the Club to serve as Judges of the Election... No Judge... may be a candidate for office in the immediately impending Club election... From the time of the deadline for nominations (they) shall be responsible for conducting the election in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the Club, which responsibilities shall include the preparation, distribution, reception, security and counting of the bal-

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MISSING NEWSMEN

BELIEVED ALIVE

The American Committee to Free Journalists Held in Southeast Asia, headed by Walter Cronkite, believes that at least 10 of the 20 missing war correspondents and photographers are still held by Khmer Rouge forces in Cambodia.

The Committee's belief is based on information it received "from reliable sources" but "security considerations forbid naming them or detailing the new facts."

Direct requests for information brought no response from the captors.

Among the missing are the following five Americans, including the dates of their capture:

Sean Flynn, free-lance photographer-journalist on assignment for Time magazine. April 6, 1970.

Dana Stone, free-lance cameraman on assignment for CBS News, April 6, 1970.

Welles Hangen, correspondent for NBC News. May 31, 1970.

Terry Reynolds, on assignment for UPI. April 26, 1972.

Alexander Shimkin, photographer on assignment for Newsweek. July 12, 1972.

NBC-TV NEWSMEN RATED MOST AND LEAST TRUTHFUL

In a nationwide poll on the question "which TV network newsman do you trust most for truth and accuracy", conducted by a New York market analysis firm, among the top ten NBC's John Chancellor ranked highest with 55.8% and Barbara Winters lowest with 24.2%.

Close after Chancellor came Walter Cronkite of CBS with 54.6% and Harry Reasoner of ABC with 54.3%. They were followed by Harold K. Smith of ABC, David Brinkley and Frank McGee of NBC, Roger Mudd, Eric Sevareid and Dan Rather of CBS.

The Bulletin Committee will appreciate receiving reports of professional or personal interest to our membership. The contributions may be in the form of a brief article, letter to the editor, a short item for the Who-What-Where column, typed double space, 36 characters to a line. Kudos or gripes are also welcome.

OTHER PRESS CLUBS...

National Press Club, Washington, D.C.

On January 18, the incoming NPC president Clyde La Motte, other new officers and board members assumed their duties.

In his farewell message, the outgoing president Don Larrabee wrote in NPC's weekly Record: "My feelings are mixed about our future when I realize that we lost both membership and money during the past year. More members took part in more activities but even the bar was a loser," and added "I retire with a good feeling that our strengths far outweigh our problems of the moment."

Although the NPC has lost 190 members in the past year, it still has a membership of 4,586. "Most of those who have resigned," Larrabee remarked, "say their offices and work habits have changed and they no longer find it convenient to use the club. Are we providing what our members want and need in the 1970's? Can we realistically operate as we always have? but the National Press Club, as far as I am concerned, will always attract not only good fellows but the best damned people in the world."

Last year, its 65th, the NPC had some 60 luncheons plus other events with newsmaking personalities, including 12 foreign heads of state.

ANWC - Washington, D.C.

The American Newspaper Women's Club will soon have its current membership roster ready. To simplify periodic revisions and to save printing costs, the directory pages will fit into a small loose leaf binder. The binder will be available at the Club for \$2.

San Francisco

Ending years of criticism by women journalists, the San Francisco Press Club by a vote of 233 to 62 decided to permit women to become full members.

Previously, the club has allowed women to join only as associate members.

REGIONAL REPORTS

FROM PARIS

By BERNARD S. REDMONT

Peter Stephens, International Publishing Corporation London, (Daily Mirror etc.) has been elected President of the Anglo-American Press Association of Paris for 1974. He succeeds Morris Rosenberg, AP bureau chief. The presidency of the organization, founded in 1907, alternates each year between American and British correspondents.

Others elected include: Milton Freudenheim, Chicago Daily News, and Charles Hargrove, The Times (London), as vice-presidents; Bernard S. Redmont, as Secretary; Takashi Oka, Christian Science Monitor, as Treasurer; and Bernard Valery, Syndic (Liaison Officer).

Morrill "Bill" Cody, Radio Liberty, who had succeeded the late Eric Hawkins of the Herald Tribune in the post of Secretary in 1969, a post that Hawkins had filled for over two decades, is retiring. Cody was elected a life member of the Association and a member of the new executive committee.

The new committee includes the following Americans: Morris Rosenberg, AP; Hebe Dorsey, International Herald Tribune; Flora Lewis, N.Y. Times; Frederick Painton, Time (formerly U.S. News & World Report); Scott Sullivan, Newsweek.

Milwaukee

The Milwaukee Press Club has established a foundation, the MPC Endowment, Ltd., with the purpose to "advance and promote excellence in all phases of journalism" and to "foster and develop the communicative arts" in all communication media, including study and research in this field.

The foundation, a separate entity from the club, will have its own board club's president. All club members of the foundation will serve without payment of additional dues.

The club also established a Professionalism Committee with the purpose "to be of service to members of the Press Club in respect to those factors which aid, impede or otherwise affect the free and responsible source to the general public."

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lots, the preparation and mailing of the official campaign material... and any other duties within the scope of the foregoing for proper conduct of the election. Such Committee shall consist of Active, Associate, Affiliate or Honorary members. No more than two of the members of such Committee shall be Active Members... (Other duties of Judges are enumerated in Sections 7 and 8).

At the forthcoming election active members will vote for 6 officers (the president, 3 vice presidents, treasurer, and secretary), 6 members of the Board, all for two-year terms, and 4 alternates for one-year terms.

Associate members will vote for 3 nominees to the Board (2 for two-year terms and one for one year term) and 2 alternates for one-year terms.

All members will receive ballots by mail with detailed information on required procedures.

ENTERTAINMENT AND TV

UNIONS PLAN TO MERGE

The Conference of Motion Picture and Television Unions was recently organized to "combat runaway production, foreign imports, and enlist supportive legislation protecting (our) jobs and encouraging the expansion of work in (our) industries."

The basic plan of the Conference, consisting of 19 unions, is a possible merger or amalgamation of these unions into a single organization.

The first annual meeting of the Conference was held in Detroit last October.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Active Resident

Patrick McCurdy, Editor-in-Chief, Chemical Week, New York.

Sponsors: *Ralph Schulz, Meyer Lurie.*

Richard B. Consolas, Editor, American Dyestuff Reporter, New York.

Sponsors: *Arthur Kavalier, Ralph Leviton.*

Active Overseas

Martin McReynolds, UPI South American News Editor, Buenos Aires.

Sponsors: *Enrique Rojas-Vela, Ernest S. McCarey.*

Associate Resident

Harold Hewman, Editor, Hargail Music Inc., New York.

Sponsors: *Richard de Rochemont, Jack Frummer.*

WIRE SERVICE CHANGES

The appointment of Ted Shimizu as United Press International news editor for Japan has been announced by Robert E. Page, UPI vice president and general manager for Asia.

Shimizu, who first joined UPI in 1947, will be in charge at Tokyo of UPI's news coverage in the island nation. He succeeds Dale D. Morsch, recently transferred to Montreal to become UPI news editor for Canada.

Shimizu, 40, was graduated in 1957 from the University of Oklahoma with a journalism degree. He has covered numerous major stories in Japan and also has carried out assignments in the Philippines and Thailand.

UPI SATELITE CIRCUIT

IN SOUTH KOREA

United Press International and the Orient Press inaugurated on November 21 the first news satellite circuit to serve South Korea. The 24-hour circuit joins UPI Asian headquarters in Hong Kong with Seoul.

Orient Press serves about 50 newspapers and radio-TV stations in South Korea.

USSR SUPPORTS FREER

FLOW OF IDEAS, BUT...

Several articles in the weekly *Literaturnaya Gazeta* stressed the Soviet willingness to support the Third Commission on Security and Cooperation now meeting in Geneva.

The commission is discussing freer exchange of ideas and information between East and West, including a proposal to eliminate restrictions on interviews by newsmen.

But, reports the N.Y. Times, the 240 foreign correspondents (about two dozen Americans) accredited to the Soviet Union are being harrassed for reporting on dissident issues.

The latest victim was UPI's Gordon Joseloff who was formally warned that he had engaged in "instigatory and provocative actions incompatible with the status of a foreign journalist" after he had interviewed some Soviet Jews seeking to emigrate.

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WhoWhatWhere

By GRACE NAISMITH

HONORS: **Cornelius Ryan** will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Ohio University Jan. 22. His new book, "Bridge Too Far," will be serialized in The Reader's Digest. Simon & Schuster is publishing the book this spring... **Agatha Young** has been elected to serve on the Board of Trustees of the St. Andrews School, the famous old prep school at St. Andrews, Tenn.... **Jane McIlvaine McClary**, Middleburg, Va., has been named "Woman of Achievement for 1973" by the Virginia Press Club. Her book, "A Portion For Foxes," published by Simon & Schuster in 1972, on the New York Times bestseller list for four months, 100,000 copies in hard cover, is now a paperback for Popular Library and also will be published in Great Britain by the New English Library in paperback... **Marguerita Cartwright** sends greetings from **Paul Brindel**, now on the West Coast, who has been asked to contribute his papers in the Contemporary History Archives of the University of Wyoming... **Bernard S. Redmont**, Paris bureau chief of Group W News-Westinghouse Broadcasting, has been awarded the French Government's top civilian decoration of the Legion of Honor.

PUBLISHING EVENTS: **Clyde H. Farnsworth**, of the N.Y. Times Paris bureau, has written a second book, "Out of This Nettle — a History of Postwar Europe." Part of The Times Survey Series, the book will be published in Feb. by John Day. His first book, 10 years ago, was entitled "No Money Down."... **Ruth Sheldon Knowles'** new book, "Indonesia Today, the Nation that Helps Itself," was published by Nash on Dec. 28... **Sam Waagenaar** will have a new book out Feb. 28, entitled "The Pope's Jews." Library Press will publish what Publisher's Weekly calls a "massive study of the life of Roman Jews" and says it "is bound to cause controversy."

... **Col. Barney Oldfield** has a feature called "Your Name's His Game" in Feb. Nato's 15 Nations, a publication in Amstelveen, Holland. Barney has three other pieces scheduled for this magazine... **J. Herbert Silverman** reports his story for March TravelScene Magazine on the resurgence of handicrafts in a new generation of Irish craftsmen. Assignment took Silverman to Ireland... **Carl Koch**, now stationed in Bonn where he serves as corre-

spondent for The Overseas American, a new publication, sends the following: "The Overseas American is a fortnightly 8-page newsletter published in London for Americans resident abroad. Editor is Roland Gelatt, international editor of Saturday Review/World; publisher is Herbert R. Mayes, former president of McCall Publishing Company. Address is 500 Chesham House, 150 Regent Street, London W1R 5FA. Telephone: 723-6082/3. Telex: 261426. *OPC members who plan to spend any time in Europe may be interested in taking on assignments.*"... **Meg Whittle Whitcomb** will write an advice column, "Ask Aunt Meg," for a new national newspaper, a weekly roundup of news in tabloid form, coming out in mid-February. Called The National Star and, Aunt Meg says, is Rupert Murdoch's new New York baby. Murdoch "is the boy wonder of Fleet Street" and she says "has made a fortune from the London News of the World and The Sun." She'll accept letters for her column from OPC members, but "no true stories," just general ones about problems — marriage, drugs, money, sex, "you name it."... **Alan Levy** in Dec. Viva with "Barefoot in the Fountain of Youth" and in Cosmopolitan, "Your Thoughts Can Make You Well or Ill." Alan still in Vienna... **Thomas F. Whitney**, past president of OPC, making headlines everywhere with his translation of Aleksandr J. Solzhenitsyn's "The Gulag Archipelago, 1918-1956."

NEW LOOK: **Lawrence G. Foster** has been elected a corporate vice president of Johnson & Johnson, and will continue to direct public relations for the worldwide manufacturer of medical products. He has been with the firm since 1957 and once upon a time was a reporter on the former Newark News... **Frank S. Johnson, Jr.**, former Di-

rector of Public Affairs for the U.S. Dept. of Labor, has been named Corporate Director of Public Affairs and Advertising for General Dynamics Corporation. He had been a reporter and editor for Newsday from 1955 to 1959 before getting into PR with International Business Machines Corp. and various foundations in N.Y.... **Malcolm W. Browne**, correspondent for the New York Times, has completed another three-year tour in Asia and has been reassigned by The Times to cover Eastern Europe as bureau chief in Belgrade. "The Asian tour," he writes, "included the Indo-Pakistan war and coverage of all 4 Indo-China nations." Wife Le Lieu furnished accompanying combat photography much of the time, and will continue photo coverage from Eastern Europe on freelance basis.

HITHER AND THITHER: **Helga Kohl**, ex-Time staffer, back from her Baghdad book research to her operational base in Athens, Greece. She is working on underwater archaeology, freelancing around the Aegean... **Mary Joe Connolly** in England writes that "despite the restrictions, the holiday in England was the warmest, brightest ever."

OBITUARY

Ted Poston, an early member of OPC and for 40 years a journalist, died at his home in Brooklyn, Jan. 11, at the age of 67. His byline had appeared for 33 years in the N.Y. Post, and before then he reported for the Amsterdam News and the Pittsburgh Courier. He had won many national and local awards for his coverage of politics, racial affairs and crime. *Adele Nathan* recalls his many activities in the interest of the first days of the OPC.

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